



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

July 11, 2023

Present – President Chuck Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Keasha N. Haythe, Lynn L. Mielke, Dave Stepp, Assistant County Manager Jessica Morris, and County Attorney Patrick Thomas. County Manager Clay Stamp was absent.

- I. Agenda – The Agenda of Tuesday, July 11, 2023 was brought forward for approval. Mr. Stepp requested that *Item VII, Request from Department of Economic Development and Tourism for Letter of Support for Establishment of Chesapeake National Recreation Area* be removed from the agenda and postponed to a later date; the motion was seconded by Mr. Leshner. The Council approved the Agenda, as amended, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

- II. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, July 4, 2023 and Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

- III. Proclamation: Parks and Recreation Month – July 2023 – The Clerk read a proclamation into the record in commemoration of July as Parks and Recreation Month. The proclamation spoke of the benefits that parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces provide to individuals, families and communities throughout the nation and encouraged citizens to participate in the activities and opportunities they offer. Upon motion by Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved the proclamation by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Aye

Mr. Stepp presented the Proclamation to Preston Peper, Director, Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation, who accepted on behalf of his department.

- IV. Update on Leeds Creek (Tunis Mills) Bridge Replacement – Ray Clarke, County Engineer; Mike Mertaugh, Assistant County Engineer – Mr. Clarke provided a brief history of the project to replace the Leeds Creek Bridge, including appropriation of \$1.8 million toward the replacement cost in the 2007 – 2008 timeframe. He stated that following the appropriation of funding by the County, it was learned that federal funding for the project was available at an 80/20 split. Mr. Clarke stated that when the County decided to accept the federal funding, use of the Maryland State Highway Administration’s open-ended engineering services agreement was required; a public meeting is also required to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mertaugh utilized a PowerPoint presentation to brief the Council on the design of the replacement bridge and outlined various features of the proposed new bridge versus the existing structure, including, among others, an additional two feet (2’) of clearance – from 7.5 feet to 9.5 feet from mean high water; use of steel piles and concrete pier caps versus

timber framing and pier caps; laminated wood decking and asphalt wearing surfaces. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mertaugh. The estimated cost of the replacement bridge is approximately \$6 million, which includes \$1.2 million in County funding and \$4.8 million in federal aid. Mr. Mertaugh stated that a public meeting on the bridge replacement project will be held in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; consultants for the project will be in attendance to answer questions. He stated that notice of the public meeting will be mailed to the approximately 200 individuals who utilize the bridge on a regular basis; a notice will also be published in *The Star Democrat*. Council discussion again ensued with Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mertaugh.

V. Public Hearings:

Resolution No. 343, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN TO RECLASSIFY AND REMAP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 24679 YACHT CLUB ROAD AND 24781 YACHT CLUB ROAD, ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND, SHOWN ON TAX MAP 23 AS PARCEL 98, LOT 1, AND LOT 60, RESPECTIVELY, FROM UNPROGRAMMED TO “S-1” IMMEDIATE PRIORITY STATUS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, County Engineer, Ray Clarke, stated that the purpose of the resolution is to extend sewer to the two lots referenced in the resolution on Yacht Club Road in St. Michaels; all other lots on Yacht Club Road already have sewer service. He stated that the Public Works Advisory Board, at its meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, recommended that Council approve Resolution No. 343 by a vote of 3 – 0; the Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, found that Resolution No. 343 was consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan by a vote of 4 – 0. At Mr. Leshner’s request, Mr. Clarke clarified that the subject property cannot be subdivided. The Council approved Resolution No. 343 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

Resolution No. 343 is effective immediately.

Resolution No. 344, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS, SITE PLANS, PERMITS, AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR OPERATION OF BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN GROWING, PROCESSING, AND/OR SELLING CANNABIS FOR A PERIOD OF NINE (9) MONTHS TO ALLOW THE COUNTY SUFFICIENT TIME TO ENACT REASONABLE, THOUGHTFUL, AND LAWFUL ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REGULATIONS PERTAINING THERETO AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, was read into the record by the Clerk, brought forward for public hearing, and members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, stated that the purpose of the legislation is to afford the County time to enact zoning regulations which comply with the Maryland Cannabis Reform Act which allows the public use of cannabis, its growth and sale, while protecting citizens as well. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Thomas regarding the length of time for the moratorium. The Council approved Resolution No. 344 by voting 4 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Stepp – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Nay

Ms. Mielke – Aye

Ms. Haythe - Aye

Bill No. 1531, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1393, 1452, AND 1480, TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK ON THE TUCKAHOE LOCATED AT 13213 LEWISTOWN ROAD, QUEEN ANNE, MARYLAND; and

Bill No. 1532, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1516 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE ST. MICHAELS BRANCH OF THE TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY; and

Bill No. 1533, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TALBOT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER; and

Bill No. 1534, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1424 AND 1486 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION TO PURCHASE IMPROVED OR UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES; and

Bill No. 1535, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1488 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE UPGRADE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE PRESERVE AT WYE MILLS; and

Bill No. 1536, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1187 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION FOR EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES TO THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHORE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL SITE LOCATED BETWEEN LONGWOODS ROAD (MARYLAND RT. 662) AND U.S. ROUTE 50 IN EASTON, MARYLAND; and

Bill No. 1537, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1484 AND 1509 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATIONS; and

Bill No. 1538, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF THE CHAPEL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; and

Bill No. 1539, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO A DRIVING RANGE COMPLEX AT THE TALBOT COUNTY HOG NECK GOLF COURSE; and

Bill No. 1540, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1460 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR A GYMNASIUM ADDITION TO THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER; and

Bill No. 1541, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1506 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS; and

Bill No. 1542, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1505 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE 911 DIVISION COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM; and

Bill No. 1543, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE WHITE MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, were all read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, Martha Sparks, Finance Director, stated that the capital enabling legislation bills are part of the budgeting process and have tentatively been approved by the Council for inclusion in the FY24 Budget; the public hearing on each bill provides for a formal review of each capital project in accordance with the County's Charter. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Mr. Stepp stated for the record that two (2) community stakeholder meetings are scheduled regarding Bill No. 1538, expansion and renovation of Chapel District Elementary School, on Wednesday, July 12th and Wednesday, August 2nd and requested that the vote on Bill No. 1538 be postponed until the Tuesday, August 8, 2023 Council meeting. Ms. Mielke seconded the motion and the Council approved postponing the vote on Bill No. 1538 to Tuesday, August 8, 2023 by a vote of 4 – 0 – 1 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe – Abstain

Bill Nos. 1531 through 1537 and Bill Nos. 1539 through 1543 are eligible for vote on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Bill No. 1544, A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT), §§ 190-25.2 (TABLE OF LAND USES), 190-29 (COMMERCIAL USES), 190-29.7 (INN), AND 190-78 (TERMS DEFINED) REGARDING HISTORIC INNS, was read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, stated that the application for the text amendment, submitted on behalf of Rolles Range Partners, LLC, would, if approved, permit inns as a special exception use in the County's conservation zoning districts, would increase the number of guest rooms from 10 to 12, and allow the historic inns to increase the number of guest rooms outside the primary structure from two to six. Members of the public were then afforded an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Council discussion ensued with the applicant and his attorney. Bill No. 1544 is eligible for vote on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

VI. County Manager's Report:

- A. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Walter Chase to a three-year term on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission as a representative of the Town of Trappe; said term will expire on June 30, 2026. Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- B. Request from Chesapeake College – Requested Council approval of a revised FY24 budget from Chesapeake College due to increased funding received from the State. Karen Smith, Vice President for Administrative Services, Chesapeake College, stated that the original FY24 budget submitted by the College projected State funding in the sum of \$394,815; however, the College will actually receive funding in the sum of \$1,883,004, an increase of over \$1.4 million. She stated that no additional funding is required from the College’s five supporting counties. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Smith as to how the additional funding will be utilized. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the revised FY24 budget, as presented, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- C. Request for Letter of Support – Requested Council approval to forward a letter to the Maryland Department of Health in support of expansion of services at the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Campus (A.F. Whitsitt Center) in Chestertown to the Maryland Department of Health. Ms. Morris stated that Gov. Moore has designated \$4 million for investment in the infrastructure of the facility. Katie Dilley, Executive Director, Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc., stated the request is to have the State endorse a planning initiative for expansion of services in approximately 11,000 square feet of unused space at the location as a residential treatment facility for children and adolescents on the Eastern Shore. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Dilley and Bill Webb, Kent County Health Officer. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the Council approved forwarding a letter of support by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- D. Request from Department of Public Works – Requested Council approval to have the Department of Public Works purchase ten (10) Orenco septic tank effluent pump (STEP) systems in the sum of \$68,679 for use in new connections to the Region II (St. Michaels) wastewater system as part of Resolution No. 235; said systems will be paid for by the users of the systems. Council discussion ensued with County Engineer, Ray Clarke. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Haythe, the Council approved the purchase by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan, - Aye
Mr. Stepp – Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

- E. Update on July 3, 2023 Storm Event in Tilghman – Ms. Morris expressed appreciation to the first responders and County staff who assisted the residents of Tilghman following the storm event there during the night of July 3rd. She stated that the County had established a brush drop-off location from July 5th through July 10th and encouraged property owners who suffered damage to their property from the storm to contact the County Permits Office at 410-770-6840 regarding obtaining an emergency permit.

VII. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

VIII. Council Comments:

Mr. Stepp: Mr. Stepp stated that he hoped everyone had a Happy 4th of July holiday despite the storms. He expressed his appreciation to all those who had assisted the residents of Tilghman during the storm event.

Mr. Leshner: Mr. Leshner expressed his appreciation to all those who assisted in the “cross-departmental” efforts to assist those affected by the storms, many of whom were there during non-normal working hours. He stated that he had attended the retirement of Chief Anthony Smith in St. Michaels at the end of June and that Chief Smith spent the entire time talking about what everyone in the community had done to support him. Mr. Leshner expressed his appreciation to Chief Smith for his years of service to the Talbot County community and stated that now that he is retired, he will continue to serve the citizens of the county as a civilian member of Talbot Family Network. Mr. Leshner concluded his comments by stating that he will do his best to be in attendance at the next Council meeting on July 25th as he will be on his way home from traveling the Appalachian Trail with the boy scouts.

Ms. Mielke: Ms. Mielke read a statement into the record which stated that during her time in office, she had received numerous emails from constituents regarding fixing or resetting Lakeside - and that she hears you. She stated that, in her opinion, there has been much misinformation circulating about the status of the comprehensive water and sewer plan for Lakeside and the County’s response to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and that she would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight on the County’s plan to address MDE’s requests. She stated that in November 2020, when MDE approved the County’s Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan Amendment for the Lakeside development (Resolution No. 281, as amended), they noted that the resolution did not contain the number of equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) for the various phases of the development but that the information was necessary to assess the adequacy of the water and sewer systems to accommodate and serve those units. She stated that MDE provided a table depicting the EDUs for the first three (3)

phases of the development and requested that the Town of Trappe provide updated EDU information for phases 2 and 3 in the next comprehensive water and sewer plan amendment, with no specific deadline for doing so. She stated that on October 28, 2022, MDE issued a groundwater discharge permit for the Lakeside development for a flow of 100,000 gallons per day; using MDE's calculation of 250 gallons per day per EDU, approximately 400 homes could be built in phase 1, making it clear that any future releases or expansion of the wastewater treatment plant would require a major permit modification. Ms. Mielke stated that she had introduced Resolution No. 338 in February 2023 to incorporate provisions of the discharge permit into the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (CWSP) and to provide that any future expansion of Lakeside's wastewater treatment plant would require an amendment to the CWSP, in addition to a major permit modification. She stated that on March 9, 2023, the Public Works Advisory Board recommended that the Council approve Resolution No. 338. She stated that MDE advised the County by letter dated April 24, 2023 that the EDU issues outlined in its November 2020 letter needed to be addressed now, established a deadline that did not previously exist, and that Exhibits A and B to Resolution No. 281, as amended, depicted properties which were not part of the Lakeside development as having incorrect water and sewer classifications. She stated that MDE was requesting that the County provide the following within 90 days upon receipt of the letter: updated EDUs for all phases of the Lakeside development; updated figures for water and sewer service, with correct classifications for all parcels within the Town of Trappe (including Lakeside); and corrected Exhibits A and B to Resolution No. 281, as amended. She stated that the approval process for Resolution No. 338 was stayed and the Council is diligently addressing the two issues as follows: the Council is working on a resolution relating to the phases and the EDUs with the goal of introducing same at the July 25th Council meeting, and that once introduced, the resolution will proceed through the usual comprehensive water and sewer plan amendment process, including review and recommendation by the Public Works Advisory Board and Planning Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled before the Council before a vote and submission to MDE for final approval. Ms. Mielke stated that the County has provided draft maps to MDE of the current water and sewer classifications for the Town of Trappe and is awaiting a response from MDE. She stated that MDE is not requiring any changes to the existing water and sewer classifications for the Town, including the Lakeside development, at the present time. Ms. Mielke concluded her comments by stating that the County is being transparent on these issues and again reiterated that any future changes to the existing water and sewer classifications for the Town of Trappe will also proceed through the usual CWSP amendment process as previously outlined.

Ms. Haythe: No comments.

Mr. Callahan: Mr. Callahan stated that it was a scary night for the residents of Tilghman and that it was good to hear from County Manager, Clay Stamp, to know that the County's Department of Emergency Services, Public Works, the police, firemen, and the Red Cross were there to assist those affected by the

storm, including setting up a station at Black Walnut Point as a storm debris drop-off point. He stated that everything has now been pretty well cleaned up in Tilghman.

Upon motion by Ms. Haythe, seconded by Mr. Stepp, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room for a work session regarding the County's response to the Maryland Department of the Environment regarding equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) for Trappe, followed by Closed Session for discussion of Personnel matters; and to reconvene on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 in Open Session at 4:00 p.m. and immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel, and real estate matters; and for the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 p.m. by voting 5 - 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan - Aye
Mr. Stepp - Aye
Mr. Leshner - Aye
Ms. Mielke – Aye
Ms. Haythe - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

The transcript of the July 11, 2023 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- IX. Meeting with Serena McIlwain, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) - The Council (Ms. Haythe and Mr. Stepp were absent) met with Secretary McIlwain and representatives of MDE on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 1:45 p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the Talbot County Community Center, 10028 Ocean Gateway in Easton. In addition to the Secretary, representatives from MDE included Les Knapp, Senior Local Advisor, and D. Lee Currey, Director, Water & Science Administration, MDE; Senator Johnny Mautz and Delegate Tom Hutchinson were also in attendance. County Engineer, Ray Clarke, provided a brief history of Talbot County's agreement with the University of Maryland Medical System to extend sewer to the site of the proposed new Regional Medical Center at the northern end of the Town of Easton. He updated the group on the status of the replacement of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) at the Preserve at Wye Mills, stating that the County had assumed ownership of the wastewater treatment plant, which was at one time part of a private development, following continued notice of significant violations after the private operator was unable to correct the situation. Mr. Clarke stated that his office had been contacted by Jami Silva, Natural Resource Planner, III, Water and Science Administration Enforcement Division, Compliance Program, MDE, requesting to schedule a meeting to review the building permit and construction schedule for the replacement plant. He stated that \$875,000 (50%) of the funding for the replacement wastewater treatment plant will be coming from Bay Restoration Fund monies. He stated that the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Region V (Tilghman) Wastewater Treatment Plant, constructed in 1983, is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2023; the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) upgrade to the Region V plant will begin following completion of the PER. Mr. Clarke then updated the group on the sewer extension project to 610 properties in the villages of Bozman and Neavitt as outlined in Talbot County Resolution No. 250; the anticipated cost of the project is \$29 million, of which \$911,000 in earmarked funding has been received from the Offices of Senators Cardin and Van Hollen. Mr. Clarke stated that the County has applied for additional State and federal grant/loan funding to help offset the cost to the property owners. Mr. Clarke stated that his office is working with MDE to get the project out to bid, stating that, in his opinion, the only way to save the value of the houses is to provide extension of sewer. Mr. Clark also updated the MDE representatives on the following

projects: extension of sewer service to commercial properties at Ferry Point Marina in Trappe; the Talbot County Repurposing Center and types of materials received and recycled; the County’s plan to purchase land for placement of material dredged from Knapps Narrows in Tilghman; and review of ways to modulate flows of water to wastewater treatment plants as sea levels rise and areas become more prone to flooding so the sewer systems do not become overly burdened. Discussion ensued with the representatives as various topics were brought forward. Members of the public in attendance were also afforded an opportunity to comment on topics of interest to them. The meeting concluded at 3:15 p.m.

X. Meeting with Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) President and County Executive for Howard County, Calvin Ball, and MACo Executive Director, Michael Sanderson – The Council met with Mr. Ball and Mr. Sanderson on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room. Mr. Sanderson provided a review of the 2023 Maryland Legislative Session, stating that in July 2022, the State closed out the fiscal year with a \$2 billion surplus; however, federal funding is gradually disappearing and what began as a low conflict budget cycle changed in early March 2023 when the State reduced its budget by \$2 – 300,000,000 million and several legislative initiatives were scaled back. Topics discussed included the Forest Conservation Act which will advance Maryland’s policies on tree replanting while providing local flexibility and authority with regard to same; Paid Leave Law - Mr. Sanderson stated that MACo is working with the Maryland Department of Labor, as are other stakeholders, regarding implementation of Maryland’s paid family and medical leave law which was amended to provide employers a window of time to implement the plan or to opt out in order to pool with other organizations; the legislation requires employers with at least 15 employees in Maryland to offer paid family leave benefits beginning in 2025; Adult-Use Cannabis – Mr. Sanderson stated that the major topics of discussion related to adult-use cannabis were the definition of “reasonable zoning” and the sharing of tax revenue from the sale of cannabis; Constant Yield – Mr. Sanderson stated that the wording has been rewritten so that if the rate is remaining the same, there is less voter confusion; Fire Service – Mr. Sanderson stated that fire service throughout the state, whether volunteer, paid, and a combination of same, are in crisis with regard to recruitment and retention and solutions are being actively sought; Police Body Cameras and Body Camera Footage – Mr. Sanderson stated that counties will be able to piggyback on the State contract for the purchase of body cameras and the cost for storage and redaction of body camera footage. Mr. Ball stated that the process of redacting is challenging as current methods are meant for paper; Highway User Revenue – Mr. Sanderson stated that highway user revenue funds have been almost fully restored for municipalities and Baltimore City; funding restoration to the 23 counties is at 23% to 28% of their 2008-2009 levels. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Ball as the various topics were brought forward. MACo is already in process of reviewing initiatives for the 2024 Legislative Session. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

XI. Summary of Closed Session Held on July 11, 2023:

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 3:20 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
Place of closed session: County Council Office
Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Leshner, Haythe, Mielke, Stepp

Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Public discussion would discourage individuals from volunteering to serve	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action
To consult with County Attorney regarding letter received from Maryland Department of the Environment and response	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege regarding legal advice	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	Council concurred with recommendation
For update on litigation involving Talbot Integrity Project et al v Talbot County	GP § 3-305(b)(7)(8)	Attorney-client privilege regarding status of litigation	Chuck Callahan, Pete Leshner, Keasha Haythe Lynn Mielke, Dave Stepp, Patrick Thomas, Jessica Morris	No action

CASH STATEMENT 07/04/2023

BALANCE 6/27/2023	88,912,126.65
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 6/26/2023	(50,810.80)
COMMUNITY CENTER SALES & USE DUE 6/20/2023	(73.92)
GOLF COURSE SALES & USE DUE 6/20/2023	(3,439.65)
ROADS SALES & USE DUE 6/20/2023	(1,231.42)

RETURNED CHECK #2011	(120.00)
DEPOSITS	1,096,168.37
CHECKS	(619,143.32)
ACH DISBURSEMENT(S)	(709,132.15)
WIRE TRANSFERS	(10,949.24)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #	0.00
VOIDED WIRE #	0.00
BALANCE 07/04/2023	<u>88,613,394.52</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		5.12%	20,995,021.18
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,285,504.58
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>31,280,525.76</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>18,105.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>119,912,025.28</u>

CASH STATEMENT 07/11/2023

BALANCE 7/04/2023	88,613,394.52
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 6/23/2023	(775,705.97)
PENSION DED PPE 6/23/2023	(45,711.16)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/23/2023	(19,885.82)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 6/23/2023 PLAN 401(A)	(8,353.91)
ENTERPRISE LEAST PYMT 6/2023	(16,164.16)

SANITARY CHARGES/COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES	(947.88)
DEPOSITS	10,282,112.37
CHECKS	(3,017,931.07)
ACH DISBURSEMENT(S)	(600,576.14)
WIRE TRANSFERS	0.00
VOIDED CHECK(S) #	0.00
VOIDED WIRE #	0.00
BALANCE 07/11/2023	<u>94,410,230.78</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		5.10%	20,995,021.18
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,306,956.18
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>31,301,977.36</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE			<u>18,105.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>			<u>125,730,313.14</u>